

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the Office Action of October 31, 2007 relating to the above-identified application. Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time to submit this present response, and submits the associated fee for the three-month extension.

### **Rejection under 35 USC § 112**

Claims 1-10 and 18-27 initially stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, with the examiner specifically noting that "Foul-tasting & scent material, critical or essential to the practice of the invention, but not included in the claim(s) is not enabled by the disclosure. .... No example is provided of any specific compound that is recognized as hated by deer, and applicable in the equipment disclosed for use to repel any animal."

In response, the Federal Circuit has determined that "[T]he test of enablement is whether one reasonably skilled in the art could make or use the invention from the disclosures in the patent coupled with information known in the art without undue experimentation." *United States v. Telectronics, Inc.*, 857 F.2d 778, 785, 8 USPQ2d 1217, 1223 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Applicant submits that a person reasonably skilled in the art could make and use the repellant/deterrence system for animals from the disclosures in the application with the information known in the art without undue experimentation. In particular, in the original specification, Applicant provided an example of such scents in paragraph [0026], which provides that "The scents 21 are preferred to be predatory scents known to scare the animal away. An example of such a scent would be mountain lion urine, which is available via the Internet." Thus, contrary to the assertions in the office action, Applicant has provided working examples of the predator scents that may be used in the design described therein. Looking to Exhibit A, which is a copy of the web page from

[www.pestcontro-products.com/urines\\_all.htm](http://www.pestcontro-products.com/urines_all.htm), various predator urines are known to scare animals, such that other embodiments would be well-known to one having ordinary skill in the art. Based on the information provided in the specification and known by one reasonably skilled in the art, Applicant submits that the disclosure is enabling.

### **Rejection under 35 USC § 102**

Claims 1, 3, 5-7 are rejected as being anticipated by Martel 2001, and claims 1, 3, 5, and 6 are rejected as being anticipated by Bennett et al. In response, Applicant notes that neither reference teaches elements of sensing an animal in a predetermined area using a motion detector as defined in independent claim 1. Furthermore, neither reference suggests an apparatus that progresses through a first predetermined sequence for detecting the animals senses as defined in currently amended claim 1 and previous claim 7, nor repeating a second sequence different from the preceding sequence according to the detection of animal in the predetermined area.

For prior art to anticipate a claimed invention under § 102, every element of the claimed invention must be identically disclosed, either expressly or under principals of inherency, in a single reference. Corning Glass Works v. Sumitomo Electric, 9 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1262, 1265 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Applicant submits that since both Martel and Bennett fail to suggest, much less teach, the elements in the amended claims, this rejection should be withdrawn.

### **Rejection under 35 USC § 103**

Claims 1-10 and 18-27 are rejected as being unpatentable over Bennett and Jincks in view of Burman and admissions in the specification. In response, Applicant submits that none of the references cited disclose all of the steps included in the amended claims. Applicant acknowledges that there are devices that will use one or more means for engaging an undesired animals senses. However, none of the references discloses a method for monitoring a

predetermined area, cycling through a series of steps that repel the animal based on (1) touch, (2) sound, (3) sight, (4) smell, and (5) taste, and then repeat the steps in a second order if the motion detector senses an animal in the same area during a predetermined period of time. Although paragraph [0077] of Jincks is cited for the proposition that variation in the application of the sequence of stimuli emission and duration of exposure is controllable, it simply discloses that different switches or sensors can be used to activate a sensing means, and fails to teach the various cycling steps described in amended claims 1 and 18.

Applicants submit that the factors set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co. of Kansas City*, 383 U.S. 1, 17–18, 148 U.S.P.Q. 459 (1966), indicate that the amended claims in the present application are not obvious. In particular, the Supreme Court noted in *Graham* that the factual inquiries are (1) determining the scope and content of the prior art; (2) ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims in issue; (3) resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art; and (4) evaluating any objective evidence of nonobviousness. In applying this analysis, the Federal Circuit has stated that “there must be some articulated reasoning with some rational underpinning to support the legal conclusion of obviousness.” *In re Kahn*, 441 F.3d 977, 988, 78 USPQ2d 1329, 1336 (Fed. Cir. 2006). See also *KSR International Co. v. Teleflex Inc.*, 127 S. Ct. 1727, 82 U.S.P.Q.2d 1385, 1396 (2007) (quoting Federal Circuit statement with approval). From the analysis in the Office Action, Applicant believes that the rationale provided by the Examiner in rejecting these claims is through combining prior art elements according to known methods to yield predictable results. However, to reject a claim based on this rationale, the Office must articulate the following:

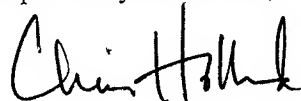
- (1) a finding that the prior art included each element claimed, although not necessarily in a single prior art reference, with the only difference between the claimed invention and the prior art being the lack of actual combination of the elements in a single prior art reference;

- (2) a finding that one of ordinary skill in the art could have combined the elements as claimed by known methods, and that in combination, each element merely would have performed the same function as it did separately;
- (3) a finding that one of ordinary skill in the art would have recognized that the results of the combination were predictable; and
- (4) whatever additional findings based on the Graham factual inquiries may be necessary, in view of the facts of the case under consideration, to explain a conclusion of obviousness.

See Manual of Patent Examining Procedure ("MPEP"), § 2143(A), Rev. 6, Sept. 2007. Based on the analysis above, neither of the first two findings may be made with respect to the claimed design. Initially, there is no finding that the prior art included each element of independent claims 1 and 18; in particular, none of the references included the elements of continuously monitoring a predetermined area and repeating five steps for alerting animals in varying sequences. Additionally, Applicant asserts that one of ordinary skill in the art would not combine the cited references to achieve the steps recited in independent claims 1 and 18.

In view of the Applicant's remarks provided above, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 18, and those depending therefrom, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the previous rejections and that Notice of Allowability be issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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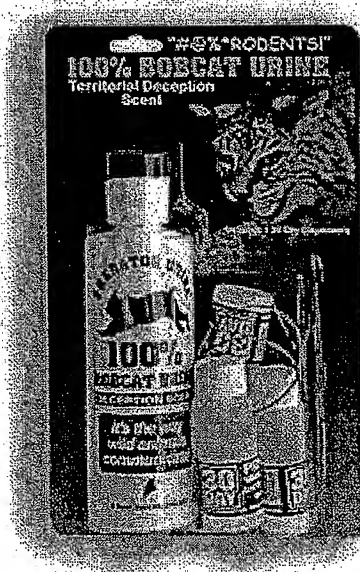
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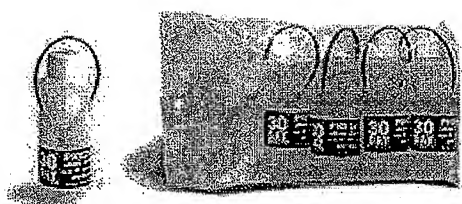
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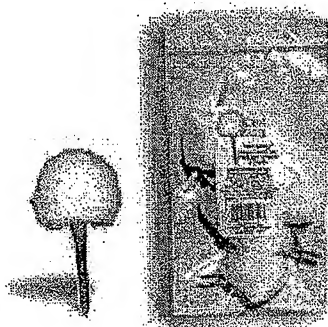
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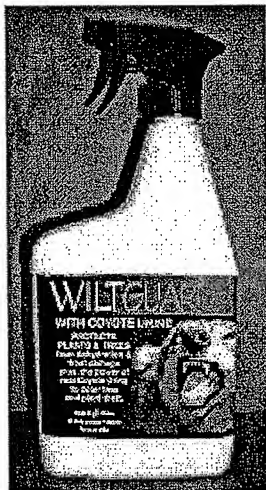


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